

First words for Nuuchahnulth*

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§1. Overview. In this work, I recommend one thousand Nuuchahnulth words as among the first that ought to be learned. They are divided into five blocks of two hundred words each, and then into twelve categories. The list is available in seven dialect versions.

In this brief introduction, I acknowledge some of my collaborators, and offer some explanation concerning glosses and abbreviations. For further background, see the accompanying document *A report on first words*.¹

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§3. Glosses. *First words* is a wordlist, not a dictionary. Whereas words in a dictionary are presented in all of their forms, with detailed definitions, words in this list are given in one form, and get just a brief gloss.

On the other hand, the glosses include some valuable grammatical information. In the following sections, I explain the conventions by which glosses convey concepts of number, gender, pointer distance, aspect, and transitivity.

§4. Number. Like English, Nuuchahnulth distinguishes two numbers, *singular* and *plural*. But unlike English, it has plural adjectives and verbs, as well as nouns.

Where possible, I gloss Nuuchahnulth plurals using English plurals, as in *nuučyuu* ‘mountains’. But where there is no plural form in English, the abbreviation *pl* indicates that the word is plural, as in *?aʔiih* ‘big (pl)’.

N *nuučyuu*..... mountains

B *?eʔiih*, CTQ *?aʔiih* big (pl)

§5. Gender. Some words having to do with feelings or private body parts have different *feminine* and *masculine*

forms, for describing females and males, respectively. These are indicated by the abbreviations *f*, *m*.

- B ?uuqsuuqƛ̥.....happy (f)
 B ?uuñaqƛ̥.....happy (m)

§6. Pointers. Pointers are words that say how far away something is. Whereas English distinguishes only two degrees of pointer distance (*this*, *that*), Nuuchahnulth has four, which I abbreviate as *d1*, *d2*, *d3*, *d4*.

- N ?ahkuu.....d1 this
 N ?ahñiid2 that (by you)
 B yaal, CM haayáhid3 that
 B yeeł, CM huuyáhi.....d4 that (far)

§7. Aspect. Nuuchahnulth is rich in *aspects*. Aspect is different from *tense*. Whereas tense has to do with whether an event happens in the past, present, or future, aspect has to do with the shape of events in time, and how smaller events fit into larger events.

Most Nuuchahnulth aspects are *imperfective*, meaning that they describe open-ended events. These include the continuous, repetitive, ongoing, and off-and-on aspects. Only the complete aspect is *perfective*, meaning that it describes an entire event, with a beginning and an end.

Although it is difficult to translate Nuuchahnulth aspects into English, I gloss perfective verbs with plain forms (*say*), and imperfectives with *-ing* forms (*saying*).

- N waa.....say it
 N wawaasaying it

§8. Transitivity. *Intransitive* verbs describe an action with just one participant (a *subject*), while *transitive* verbs also imply an *object*—that is, something that is done to. I gloss transitive verbs and glue words using the word *it*.

- N ha?uk.....eating
 BL ?u?iis, AHTQ ?u?iic.....eating, drinking it

§9. Abbreviations. Below is a list of abbreviations used in *First words*. Some indicate which dialect a particular word or gloss pertains to. Others have to do with grammatical concepts, or with the quality of the data.

A Ahousaht	m masculine
B Barkley Sound	M Makah
C Central Nuuchahnulth	M Mowachaht-Muchalaht
d pointer distance	N Nuuchahnulth
D Ditidaht-Pacheedaht	pl plural
E East Barkley Sound	Q Kyuquot-Checlesht
f feminine	T Northern Nuuchahnulth
H Hesquiaht	W West Barkley Sound
I Ehlettesaht-Nuchatlaht	(+) accepted by some elders
L Tla-o-qui-aht	* not adequately checked

Function words**1. Interjections**

- čuu Acknowledged. Goodbye.
 čukʷaa Come here.
 haa Yes.
 kaa?a Give me it.
 ḥeekoo Thank you.
 maa Here you go.
 nee C Hey! Say now...
 wa Eh? Right?

2. Glue words

- ?in that, because
 ?uh be
 ?uhiičiλ become
 ?uh?iiš and
 ?iš B and
 ?ah?aa?aλ and (then)
 ?uyi at the time of
 ?uyiiya⁽⁺⁾ at the time of

3. Pronouns

- siýa me
 suwa you
 nuuwa us
 siiwa you all
 siýaaq it is I

- suwaaq it is you
 nuuwaaq it is we
 siiwaaq it is you all

4. Pointers

- ?ahkuu d1 this
 ?ahñii d2 that (by you)
 haayahí d3 that
 huuyahí d4 that (far)
 yaał B d3 that
 yeeł B d4 that (far)

5. Indefinites

- ?ačaaq who
 ?aqaaq what
 waasi where
 ?aaqin how
 ?aaqin?ap doing what
 yaq who (indirect)
 qʷiq what (indirect)
 qʷaa how (indirect)
 qʷaqʷaa doing what
 qʷaa?ap doing what

Content words**6. Nouns**

- ča?ak river
 čakup man

čaakupah men
 čapac canoe
 ha?um food, CTQ delicious
 hakum princess
 hatkm̓iih princesses
 haakʷaaλ young woman
 haathaakʷaλ young women
 hawił chief
 hawiih chiefs
 haawiłaλ young man
 haawiihaλ young men
 kakawin orca
 ɬim̓aqsti spirit
 huucma woman
 huucsamah women
 ɬahiqs box
 mahtii house
 maamahtii houses
 ma?as house, village, tribe
 maatmaas houses, villages, tribes
 maañuł Westcoast tribes
 naniiqsu grandparent
 nananiqsu grandparents
 nism̓a land
 nučii mountain
 nuučuu mountains
 nuučaaňuł mountain range
 nuuk song
 nuuknuuk songs

ńaas day
 ńuwíiqlsu father
 quu?as person
 quutquu?as people
 quu?asminh I people
 qʷayačiik wolf
 ɬaňa child
 ɬaňa?is small child
 ɬaatňa children
 ɬaatňa?is small children
 ɬašii path, road, doorway
 ɬathii night
 ɬihtuup whale
 ɬink fire, light
 ɬinksýi wood
 ɬum?iiqsu mother
 ɬumtii name
 ɬaařumti names

7. Verbs

ciiqciqa speaking
 ciqšiλ start speaking
 čamuł B can, able
 wíkłmaa B cannot, unable
 hawiiλ stop doing, quit
 ha?uk eating
 ha?ukšiλ start eating
 hitasiλ reach (destination)
 hinatšiλ come

hintšiƛ̄ coming
 hinin arrive
 huyaal C dancing
 huułhuuła dancing
 huułšiƛ̄ start dancing
 hupii helping it
 ḥasiik finish doing
 ƛ̄akaas standing
 ƛ̄akiil standing (indoors)
 ƛ̄akišiƛ̄ stand up
 ƛ̄awiičiƛ̄ go near to, TQ visit
 mamuuk working
 na?aa hearing it
 na?iičiƛ̄ hear it
 wikaap not hearing it
 na?aatah listening to
 nunuuk singing
 nuu?iƛ̄ start singing
 ḥaacsa seeing it
 ḥaacsiic̄iƛ̄ see it
 ḥacu?ał I see it
 čanii not seeing it
 ḥacsuuḥ watching it
 ḥašiƛ̄ look at
 suu holding it
 sukʷiƛ̄ take it
 taaqyiił* [?] standing (indoors)
 taaqyaas C standing (outdoors)
 taaqyiičiƛ̄ C stand up

waa say it
 wawaa saying it
 wałyuu at home
 wałyaqił at home
 wałšiƛ̄ go home
 waałšiƛ̄ going home
 wa?ič sleeping
 wa?ičuƛ̄ go to sleep
 wik not, no
 wikiičiƛ̄ not anymore
 yaacuk walking
 yaacšiƛ̄ start walking, leave
 yaa?ał watching it
 ?uuc owning it, belonging to
 ?uuciičiƛ̄ start owning it, belonging to
 ?ucačiƛ̄ go to
 ?uucaýuk going to
 ?uuctiih going towards
 ?ukłaa named so
 ?uklinƛ̄ become named so
 ?unaak having it
 ?unaakšiƛ̄ get it
 ?uyu?aał C B see it, C find it
 ?u?umhi can, able
 wiňhaaqƛ̄ cannot, unable

8. Locations

hił at, there, where (indirect)
 hitiił indoors

hinii?iƛ̓ go indoors
 mačiił indoors
 mačinƛ̓ go indoors
 hitaas B outdoors
 hinee?as B go outdoors
 ḥaa?aas outer coast B, CTQ outdoors
 ḥaa?inƛ̓ go outdoors
 hitinqis at the beach
 hitinqsaƛ̓ go down the beach

9. Quantifiers

ćawaak one
 ?aƛ̓a two
 qacća three
 muu four
 suča five
 hišuk all, everyone, everything
 hačatak B all, everyone, everything
 wikiit none
 wikiitsiƛ̓ disappear, run out
 ?aya many
 ?ayiičiƛ̓ become many
 ?uuš some

10. Adverbs

čamiḥta properly
 ḥaakšiƛ̓ please
 ḥah now
 ḥuuqʷaa also

?aani really, sure is

11. Adjectives

ƛ̓uł good, beautiful
 ƛ̓utƛ̓uuł good, beautiful (pl)
 pišaq bad, ugly
 čiišhii I bad, ugly, mean
 ?iih big
 ?a?iih big (pl)
 ?anaḥ?is small
 ?a?inh?is small (pl)
 čušuk new
 ?iičum C* old, elder
 ?a?iičum C* elders
 mixtuk aging, elderly
 mayiixtuk elders
 ḥawaa near to
 sayaa far
 čačumhi (one is) okay
 šahyut (one is) okay
 wiikšhin nothing wrong
 ḥa?uu other, more
 ḥaλuu others

Function words**1. Interjections**

- ƛayaħu?ał Welcome!
 waakaašuƛa Praise!
 wey BCQ O friend
 qah O dear one
 ?aaxax O poor thing
 ?i What the!

2. Glue words

- ?uukʷił do to
 ?uchin do for
 ?uu?atup do for
 ?uunuuλ because
 ?unwiiλ I* [?] because
 ?uisaaħi because of
 ?uusumħi because of

3. Pronouns

- siičił to me
 suutił to you
 nuuhił to us
 siihił to you all
 siyaas mine
 suwaas yours
 nuuwaas ours
 siiwaas your all's

4. Pointers

- ?ah d1 this
 ?ah?aa that (topical)
 hiyāħi d1 this (dynamic)
 hayiiyāħi d1 these (dynamic)
 haa d3 that
 haayiiħi d3 those
 huu d4 that (far)
 yaa B d3 that
 yee B d4 that (far)

5. Indefinites

- waasqʷii when
 qʷiyu when (indirect)
 ?una how many
 quħħaa how many (indirect)
 ?aħaqħi named who
 yaqħħaa named who (indirect)
 ?aqiċhi named what
 qʷiċħaa named what (indirect)
 yaqwii first one
 yaħakħi B one behind, last one
 yaqkumqħi one behind, last one
 yaqħċi one's spouse
 yaqʷink whom one is with

Content words**6. Nouns**

čiiqýak chant
 ča?ak island
 ča?ak water
 hinkuu?as dog salmon
 hisit sockeye salmon
 hupał sun, moon
 haħuuļi chief's territory
 haakʷaaɬ?is girl
 haathaakʷaɬ?is girls
 humiis red cedar
 kukʷinksu hand
 ɬucsac girl
 ɬucsacminh girls
 ɬišɬin foot
 ɬusmit herring
 ɬaqapt plant, branch, leaf
 ɬaqafas B tree
 mamałni white person
 mamałniiminh white people
 maamaati bird
 ma?iɬqac boy
 ma?iɬqacminh boys
 maaɬ?itqinh B boys
 miñaat BCI* sockeye salmon
 muwač deer
 muksýi rock

naýaqak baby
 naatýaqak babies
 piiš fish (general)
 pičup, pičap inner cedar bark
 quu?assa First Nations person
 quu?assaminh First Nations people
 sačup king salmon
 saamin B salmon (general)
 saštup crawling animal
 sučas tree
 suuhaa spring salmon
 taayii senior
 tupaati ceremonial contest
 tupāł ocean, salt water
 tuhčiti head
 ɬalmapt yellow cedar
 Saatuš E deer
 ſuýi medicine

7. Verbs

ciciqink praying, talking to
 čiiqaa chanting
 čiiqšiɬ start chanting
 hayumhi not knowing
 haya?ak E not knowing
 hinii give it to
 hiniic bringing, taking it along
 hiniip get, catch it
 hišumł all together

hišumýuuƛ gather together
 hišumýuup gather it together
 hišumyił all together (indoors)
 hitačink going against
 huhtik knowing (how)
 huhtikšiƛ learn (how)
 huuhtikšiih learning, practising how
 huuhtikšiih?ap teaching how
 haahuupa teaching it
 hamatap B knowing it
 hamatsap B learn it
 kamatap B knowing it
 kamatsap B learn it
 kaamatħak knowing it
 kamatquk running
 kamatqšiƛ start running
 kumaa pointing at
 kupaa I pointing at
 kupšiƛ point at
 lačiƛ let go of
 λatwaa paddling
 λihaa (vehicle) going, travelling
 λihak BCQ paddling, travelling
 λihšiƛ start travelling, leave
 maanukʷiƛ E try
 mataa flying
 matšiƛ start flying
 namałšiƛ try
 qahšiƛ die

qahsaap kill it
 tiitiičwa C praying
 tiqʷaas sitting on (platform)
 tiqʷaasiƛ sit on (platform)
 tiqʷił sitting (indoors)
 tiqpiƛ sit (indoors), get out of bed
 tiſas sitting (on ground)
 wahaak E go to
 wałaak BC go to
 waałak BC going to
 wikiip get, catch nothing
 wiina going to war
 wiinapi not moving, staying
 wiinapił staying (indoors)
 wiinapas staying (outdoors)
 wiinapuƛ stop moving
 yaa?ak hurting
 yaa?akuk loving it
 ??a?atał, ??a?aatał [?] asking it
 ?a?aatuu ask it
 ?uchí married to
 ?ukʷiił making it
 ?ukʷink with
 ?u?ukʷink talking to
 ?uuḥwáł using it
 ?uuḥwink I* [?] using it
 ?uyii give it to
 ?uuýip get, catch it
 ?uu?iƛ take it

?u?u?iih..... harvesting it

8. Locations

- hiił..... at (indoors)
- hiis at (on beach)
- hi?iis..... there (outdoors)
- ?ust?ił..... on the floor, downstairs
- ?ust?as..... on the ground
- ?ust?is..... on the sand
- hitaaqƛ̓as..... in the woods
- hitaaqƛ̓iƛ..... go into the woods
- ?utwii first
- ?u?akƛ̓i..... behind, last
- ?utkumqƛ̓i behind, last

9. Quantifiers

- ?ana..... only
- ňupu six
- ?aƛ̓pu seven
- ?aƛ̓akʷał..... eight
- čawakʷał nine
- hayu ten
- caqiic..... twenty
- ?aƛ̓iiq forty
- qacčiiq..... sixty
- muyiiq eighty
- sučiiq hundred

10. Adverbs

- qii for a long time
- qiičiƛ̓ long time passes
- kaač?is for a short time
- taakšiƛ̓ always
- saačink BC always
- wiiyá..... never
- ?a?intuu?is..... a little bit
- ?ayums often, mostly
- ?uušpit..... sometimes
- ?uušyuuya sometimes
- ?uušstiiya B sometimes

11. Adjectives

- miiłhii same
- kʷiişhin different
- hašah valuable, precious
- qaanum..... valuable, precious, sacred
- ?iihmis valuable, important
- ?iiħcamis C valuable, important
- hamat known
- kamat B known
- tiič alive, healthy
- qaħak dead
- ?uuqmis fun, pleasant
- wiiqmis no fun, unpleasant

Function words**2. Glue words**

- čaa I..... so tell me
 ta?λ Q but
 ?ate?iš B but
 ?atquu I* [?]..... even though

4. Pointers

- haayił d3 that (indoors)
 haayis d3 that (on beach)
 huuyił d4 that (far indoors)
 huuyis d4 that (far on beach)
 yaayıł B d3 that (indoors)
 yaayis B d3 that (on beach)
 yeeyił B d4 that (far indoors)
 yeeyis B d4 that (far on beach)

5. Indefinites

- ?aačačił..... to whom
 ?aaqičił..... to what
 yaaqʷił..... to which (indirect)
 qʷiičił to which (indirect)
 yaqckʷii..... one's ancestor
 yaqhýuu one's relative
 yaaqsčafin one's friend
 ?aqi?ath C* [?] of what tribe
 waastath of what tribe

- waayáth..... living where
 waasi ma?as..... living where
 waastaqšíλ..... come from where

Content words**6. Nouns**

- čiišuł B..... washroom
 čiyaa..... chair
 haawacsacum eating table
 hupkumł ball
 hačumsiqsu..... brother (of a female)
 haḥačumsiqsu..... brothers (of a female)
 kista..... chamberpot, washroom
 kʷaa?uuc..... grandchild
 kʷakuuc grandchildren
 kʷaacsačus C..... chair
 kʷaacsačum chair, bench
 kʷiis snow
 liwahmis cloud
 luučmuup sister (of a male)
 lułuučmup sisters (of a male)
 luučmuupmính BC.. sisters (of a male)
 xiissačum desk
 xiisuwił school
 xiisýak pen, pencil
 maaṁiiqsu older sibling
 na?iiqsu aunt, uncle
 načaałýak book

nañaañičyak B book
 piipaa paper
 qicaasim B desk
 qicuwil B school
 qicyik Q pen, pencil
 šu?uł washroom
 tiipin table
 wii?uu nephew
 ýukʷiiqsu younger sibling
 ?aasiqsu niece
 ?učqmis fog
 ?uqhyims B relative
 ?uušhyums relative
 ?aaýuušhyums relatives
 ?uwaatín E relative
 ?uu?uwaatín E relatives
 ?uyaqhmis news, story, information
 ?uuštup something
 hiyiqtup all kinds of things
 wikstup nothing
 čiiqλis?ath Checleaseht person
 qaaýuuukʷath Kyuquot person
 ?iihatis?ath Ehlettesaht person
 činaxint?ath Chinehkint person
 nučaaλ?ath Nuchatlaht person
 muwačath Mowachaht person
 mačlaath Muchalaht person
 hiškʷii?ath Hesquiaht person
 ſaaħuuus?ath Ahousaht person

λaʔuukʷi?ath Tla-o-qui-aht person
 yuułuʔił?ath Ucluelet person
 tukʷaa?ath Toquaht person
 huučuqλis?ath Uchucklesaht person
 čišaa?ath Tseshah person
 huupačas?ath Hupacasath person
 huuʔii?ath Huu-ay-aht person
 niitiina?ath Ditidaht person
 paačiina?ath Pacheedaht person
 qʷinišči?ath⁽⁺⁾ Makah person
 λaa?as?ath B Makah person

7. Verbs

čiyił lined up (indoors)
 čispíλ line up (indoors)
 humwiča telling folktales
 huksaa counting
 huksčiλ start counting
 huuxs?atu resting
 huʔacačiλ go back to
 huuʔacaýuk going back to
 haʔukʷiλ do back to, retaliate
 haʔuqħšiλ do in turn
 haa?uqħšiił taking turns
 kašsaap put it away
 kʷisaa snowing
 λiwaħak BC cloudy
 λiwaħyu cloudy
 λiisλiisa writing, studying

ƛiisšiƛ start writing
 ƛiisałap write it on (screen)
 ƛuyačiƛ become good
 ƛikapuƛ B raise hand, CTQ raise fist
 ƛuułapuƛ raise hand
 ƛumaa?a B entertain it warmly
 ƛupaa hot weather
 ƛupin Q sunny
 mitx^waa rotating
 mitxšiƛ rotate (once)
 ƛałaa cold weather
 ƛałuk E cold weather
 ƛawaa bring it
 ƛiłaa raining
 nana?a understanding it
 wiwikap not understanding it
 kukums Q not understanding it
 ńačaał reading it
 ńańaańič looking it over, B reading it
 pisatuk running around, B playing
 qiicqiica BI* writing, studying
 qicšiƛ BQ start writing
 qicałayap B write on (screen)
 wiiqsii stormy weather
 wiiwiiquk dreary environment
 yu?i windy
 ?iisaak respecting it
 ?iiqhuk telling (information)
 ?iiqhšiƛ B tell (information)

?iic?iiqha telling (narrative)
 ?umčaap playing
 ?učqak foggy
 ?uułtaasa behaving well
 ?uumaćuk talking about it
 ?uupaał together with, MQ friend
 ?uuqħli telling (narrative)
 ?uuqumħi calm weather
 ?uu?uuquk nice environment
 ?u?ath̄ of the tribe of
 ?uuksčařin friend of
 ?uqhýuu related to

8. Locations

hiiłapi above, there
 hiiłapił above, there (indoors)
 hiiłapas above, there (outdoors)
 hiiłapuƛ get above, get there
 hinaayił above, upstairs, in the sky
 hisiik along (path)
 hiyath living at
 hił ma?as living at
 histath̄ of the tribe of
 histaqsił come from

9. Quantifiers

ńupqumł one (chunk, dollar)
 ?ałqumł two (chunks, dollars)
 qacćaqumł three (chunks, dollars)

muuqumł four (chunks, dollars)
 ńupčiił one day
 ?aλčiił two days
 qacćačił three days
 muučiił four days
 ńupq?ičh one year
 ?aλq?ičh two years
 qacćaq?ičh three years
 muuq?ičh four years

10. Adverbs

čaani for a while, before other things
 ?aʔum for the first time, as soon as
 čaʔaał go ahead (and go)
 kuwiła go ahead (and do), might as well
 huʔaas again
 huuʔak early, long ago
 wiičak late, too late
 naʔyiik right away
 ?iiqhii still
 ?iqsiła do again
 ?uʔuukʷaqh do on one's own

11. Adjectives

qʷačał beautiful
 ƛihuk red
 ƛisuk white
 tupkak black
 našuk B strong

haa?ak strong
 wii?ak BC weak
 wiwinhi weak
 ?uušcuk difficult
 hixʷatmis difficult, burden
 wikcuk easy
 kʷaasims Q easy
 čišxak dirty
 mačqak B dirty
 ?ašxak dirty, rude, reckless*
 ?ayums frequent, a lot

12. Names

naniiq my grandparent
 nani your grandparent
 naʔiiq my auntie, uncle
 naʔi your auntie, uncle
 ńuwiłiqliq my dad
 ńuwi your dad
 ?umʔiiq my mom
 ?umʔi your mom

Function words**1. Interjections**

- háweeł..... O chief
 háweeh..... O chiefs
 neen..... O Grandma, Grandpa
 ḡnuwaa..... O Dad
 ?um?aa O Mom
 ṭeen C O child

4. Pointers

- ḥaałapi up there
 ḥaałačišt there on the water
 yaałapi B up there
 yaałačišt B there on the water

5. Indefinites

- ?ačiic whose
 yaqʷiic whose (indirect)
 yaqʷac whose (indirect)
 yaqčiił one's neighbour (indoors)
 yaqčiis one's neighbour (on beach)
 yaqčaas one's neighbour (outdoors)
 waascačiƛ go where
 qʷicačiƛ go where (indirect)
 waascaýuk going where
 qʷiicaýuk going where (indirect)
 waastiih going towards where

- qʷiictiih going towards where (indirect)
 ?aqištiik whatchamacallit
 ?ačaqačištiik I* [?] whatsisname, whatsername

Content words**6. Nouns**

- čuʔičh winter
 ḥaqšiƛ spring (season)
 ḥaq?iičh BCIQ* spring (season)
 ḥupiičh summer
 faýiičh autumn
 ku?ał morning
 ?apwin middle
 ?apwin ḥaas midday, noon
 ?amiiimit?i yesterday
 ?amiiλik tomorrow
 cisqmis meat
 čamas sweet, B delicious, TQ fruit
 čaamassit molasses, juice, sodapop
 kʷaapii coffee
 ḥaqmis oil, lard
 ḥaaq blubber
 ḥumcsit broth, soup
 mink milk
 ḡmaamut leftovers
 ḡmaayi salmonberry shoots
 naqsac drinking vessel
 naqýak drinking vessel, beverage

qawii salmonberry
 qaawic potato
 q̓ilcuup cow parsnip
 naayis rice
 šuuukʷaa sugar
 tasalýak spread (butter, jam)
 t̓učup large purple sea urchin
 yáma salal berry
 ſapłckʷii fish jerky
 n̓učak B egg
 qin̓xaam̓a, qin̓haam̓a* [?] egg
 n̓ixtin fish eggs
 siih̓muu B herring eggs
 kʷaqmis herring eggs
 ƛiƛ̓ickuk flour
 sapnii C bread, bannock, flour
 ƛ̓uupčuu bannock
 p̓apačaqaq̓ yeast bread
 ƛ̓ax̓as B dinner plate
 ƛ̓atx̓fahs dinner plate
 hačwahs bowl
 qačak fork, needle
 čučak B spoon
 f̓amiit spoon
 fak̓yak BC knife, Q carving knife
 čiima CQ C knife, Q fish-cutting knife
 xutaayu knife

7. Verbs

čaxtak BC happy
 čumq̓λ happy, B feeling good
 čitak B happy
 ?uuñaq̓λ B happy (m)
 ?uuq̓suumq̓λ B happy (f)
 ?uu?uuq̓čap* having fun, enjoying doing
 wiwiiliq̓čap* [?] sad, not enjoying doing
 šiiwałuk B sad
 wiif̓aq̓λ angry (m) B, CTQ sad
 wiiq̓suumq̓λ B angry (f)
 ?uušsuumq̓λ angry
 hašiičiλ get informed
 hašiiy̓ap inform it
 haw̓iiq̓λ hungry
 kał.hak daylight, day
 hašuk proud
 ƛ̓upaał hot (to the touch)
 ƛ̓upmiił hot (indoors)
 ƛ̓umahs hot (in vessel)
 ƛ̓upy̓iiha feeling hot, sweating
 m̓alaał cold (to the touch)
 m̓almiił cold (indoors)
 m̓ał?ahs cold (in vessel)
 čitas̓y̓iha feeling cold
 f̓atxsumhi I feeling cold
 naqmiiha thirsty
 niswačiλ get full of food
 nučhak C proud, happy
 puſał?atu sleepy

ḡusaak tired
 taʔiɬ sick
 tinfaɬ bell rings, o'clock
 tuupšiɬ evening, dinner
 tuuhuk afraid (of)
 ṫapatšiɬ think through, decide
 ṫaataapata thinking, planning
 ?uqlip thinking, expecting
 siqiɬ cooking
 ?uucaaqa B cooking it
 ?uučak cooking it
 ?uʔiic eating, drinking it
 waa?ak shy, embarrassed
 ?ucahtak going towards
 ?ucahtačiɬ go towards
 ŋapaak willing
 činuqɬ unwilling, not want to do
 huwiɭp Q unwilling, not want to do
 ḡwasna E unwilling, not want to do
 ŋihak weeping

8. Locations

hiłaał on (screen)
 hiłas on (platform)
 hinaħuł in front of
 hinapał* behind it, on one's back
 hiłkumqɬi behind it, last
 ?ukčiiɬ next to (indoors)
 ?ukčiis next to (on beach)

?ukčaas next to (outdoors, on platform)
 hiłwin in the middle
 hiłčuu inside (container)
 hitaču inside (container)
 hitačinɬ go into (container)
 hitačinap put it into (container)

9. Quantifiers

čawiista one in a vehicle
 ?aɬista two in a vehicle
 qacčista three in a vehicle
 muyista four in a vehicle
 ḡnupit once
 ?aɬ'pit twice
 qacčupit three times
 muupit four times
 ḡnupiłči B one o'clock
 ?aɬ'piłči B two o'clock
 qacčupiłči B three o'clock
 muupiłči B four o'clock

10. Adverbs

hiišuu all together
 ?aayuu many together
 takaa B keep doing, nevertheless
 takaas keep doing
 wiktaqšiɬ without having done
 wiktum without having done
 wikýuu have never done

?aanahi only do, but

?anasiła only do

?um̄aas Q very

11. Adjectives

qat hard, firm

Ɂatxʷak soft, yielding

tałkak IQ soft, yielding

kʷatyiik heavy

yux?is light (in weight)

ÿaaq long

?aane?is B short (in length)

niic?is short (in length)

sayaac̄a high

?unaača low, as high as

Ɂaýix fast

witýax slow

ɁuuɁuuła slow

čaaxuk fast (vehicle)

wiicxuk slow (vehicle)

hašił informed, aware

haašilsa informative, interesting

12. Names

caxčaa?a B Bamfield

čaaхаана Tsaxana

ćuumuſaas Somass (Port Alberni)

hisaawista Esowista

hitaču B Hitacu

hupičath̄ Opitsaht

huupsitas Houpsitas (Kyuquot)

Ɂamaataxʷ* Campbell River

Ɂikuut B Klehkoot

malaačant* Malachan (Nitinaht Lake)

maaqtusiis Maaqtusiis (Ahousaht)

mituuni Victoria

ma?aquu?a B Macoah

naanaaymux Nanaimo

niiyaa B Neah Bay

ňačiqs Tofino

þaačiina?a Port Renfrew

sasačkčas B Hot Springs Cove

saa?aḥi B Tsahaheh

ťayuušanas C Ty-Histanis

yukʷaath̄ Yuquot

yuułu?iļ Ucluelet

?iihatis Ehatis

?uuɁ.aqči Oclucje

ſahwin?is B Ahahswinis

ſanaqɁa B Anacla

Function words**1. Interjections**

- ča?a Go!
 hača Maybe.
 haawaa I Hey!
 qatq I Wow! Damn!
 ?inis?aaḥ Hopefully.

5. Indefinites

- waayaq which
 ?aaqinqh why, how
 ?aqinw Q why
 yaqʷinλ B because of which
 qʷiinuuλ because of which
 ?aqis do what, what happens to
 qʷis do what (indirect), do so
 ?aqisiла what happens (to)
 qʷisiла what happens (to) (indirect)
 ?a?aquu saying what
 qumiista those in a crew

Content words**6. Nouns**

- ciqhsii public speaker
 ciyapuxs hat, wearing a hat
 čikčik cart, Q motor vehicle
 čistuup rope, string, wire, line

- čixʷatin BLA eagle
 čums black bear
 hapsýup hair, fur
 huł?in dancing shawl
 huupukʷas motor vehicle
 kaatu cat
 kuḥ hole, opening
 kuut coat, jacket
 kachaq blanket
 kayuumin B cougar
 kaa?in crow
 luč?in woman's dress
 hakʷaλ?in C woman's dress
 λih?aqλýak shirt
 λišλiqýak pants
 mamuu basketwork
 mamuqhsı worker
 masčum common person, people
 matuk airplane
 puut boat (general)
 ḡa?akλiqs speedboat
 ḡučičtup clothing
 piišpiš BC cat
 qu?ušin raven
 siičpaax cougar
 šuuwis shoe
 taana money
 tums garbage
 tiickin thunderbird

wiʔak brave, stubborn, warrior⁽⁺⁾
 witwaak warrior, warriors
 ?awatin eagle
 ?iinaxma regalia, costume
 ?uuštaqyu Indian doctor
 ?uxʷaapi paddle
 ſiniiƛ̄ dog

7. Verbs

čukʷiƛ̄ wash
 čucink washing hands
 čaqšiƛ̄ I* [?] push
 čatšiƛ̄ push
 ča'yix picking berries
 čiičiƛ̄ pull
 čiic trolling
 čapyiiq going by canoe
 čapaak IQ going by canoe
 čičiƛ̄ cut it
 čuhiiyap put out fire, turn off light
 hapaksuł having facial hair
 hatiis bathing
 haħił invite along
 hawičaqšiƛ̄ finish, get ready
 hayumhičiƛ̄ forget
 hayaapálašiƛ̄ BC forget
 wilkwiničiƛ̄ forget
 haafin calling to, inviting
 hawaas go eat

hiinaƛ̄ find it
 hinata invite it
 hissiƛ̄ hit it (with tool)
 hamip recognizing it
 lačuuč not recognizing it
 kaapap liking it
 kiλšiƛ̄ shatter
 kuwas (door is) open
 kuwiitap open (door)
 kuhsaap open it
 kʷačiƛ̄ break (in two)
 lałakʷin pleading
 laaklaakʷa pleading
 λawaʔi go near to
 λičahs driving, steering vessel
 λaqaa growing
 λiiʔił feasting
 λiičuu giving a feast
 λiixʷaa laughing
 λuu remembering
 maakuk buy it
 ?uhaa B buy it
 ?uʔaap buy it
 makʷ?atu sell it
 mamuñas go to work
 maaxtaqšiƛ̄ do a good deed, thank you
 mučič dressed
 mučičuƛ̄ get dressed
 muš?as (door is) closed

ḡuš?iitap close (door)
 ḡušsaap close it
 naawaḥi waiting
 naʔuuk going with
 naʔuuqs going with (in vessel)
 naaʔuu eating, taking part together
 naaʔuuʔap sharing with
 ɬaačuk looking for it
 qaacii give it to
 qicas B go to school
 saħas gathering cedar bark
 sayaʔi go far
 susaa swimming
 šuušuuwışhtinƛ̥ put on shoes
 wiwikhtinƛ̥ take off shoes
 tuxšiƛ̥ jump
 tičiƛ̥ throw it
 tiyii throw it to
 tipiƛ̥ fall (to floor)
 tiʔiiƛ̥ fall (to ground)
 tiʔaaʔatu fall downwards
 wahšiƛ̥ throw it away
 wiikaƛ̥ find nothing
 wiikšahap doing nothing, making it okay*
 wiikstupšahap B doing nothing
 yaaxyaaaxʷa sweeping, brushing
 yaxmiił sweeping floor
 ?ačyaap collecting firewood
 ?iičaap lift it up

?inkʷačiƛ̥ fire starts, light goes on
 ?inkʷaýap start fire, turn on light
 ?iinaxiičiƛ̥ get dressed up, ready
 ?uuksnaaſał handling, playing with it
 ?ukuxsuƛ̥ * put it on one's head
 wikuxsuƛ̥ uncover one's head
 ?ukʷičuƛ̥ put on (clothing)
 haňahtiƛ̥ take (clothing) off
 ?uňaah looking for it
 ?uuňak B dancing it, CTQ singing it
 singing (song)
 preferring it
 working on, fixing it
 find it
 going by (vehicle)
 ſačik knowing how, skilled
 wičik not knowing how
 ſatiqšiƛ̥ thank, acknowledge it

8. Locations

hiyahs in (vessel)
 in (vessel)
 get in (vessel)
 get out of (vessel)
 at the bow
 steering, at the stern
 arrive at a beach
 go out on the water
 on the water

hil̓caatu on the open ocean

9. Quantifiers

- one hundred twenty
- one hundred forty
- one hundred sixty
- one hundred eighty
- two hundred
- whole, all of
- half
- half
- go so far
- go so far

11. Adjectives

- λac fat
- skinny, CTQ get skinny
- skinny
- CT skinny [?], B sickly skinny
- tall, high-ranking
- short (in height)
- long-haired
- short-haired
- bald on top
- cute (small)
- cute (childlike)
- kind, generous
- unkind, selfish
- stingy, stuck up

hawiču finished, ready
?iinaxyu dressed, ready

12. Names

- Kwatyaat
- the Transformer
- Son of Deer
- Son of Deer
- Son of Raven
- Raven's wife
- Raven's wife
- Wild Woman
- Wild Woman
- Wild Woman
- Snot Boy
- Snot Boy